

RESIDENCE OF THE MISSES HERR

58½-60 WEST MAIN STREET

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Residence of The Misses Herr

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

58½-60 West Main Street (MD 32)

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Carroll E. Myers

Telephone #: 848-4838

STREET & NUMBER

60 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21157

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Office Building

Liber #: 350

Folio #: 263

STREET & NUMBER

Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house built as a dwelling for "The Misses Herr", relatives of Frank Herr who ran the coach yard next door, looks south to the north side of West Main Street (St. Route 32) about halfway between John and Carroll Streets in Westminster. The building, flush with its western neighbor, is 5 bays long on Main Street, 2 stories high, and, in shape, nearly square below its northward sloping shed roof.

The ground floor bays consist of three doors spaced alternately with two windows. The central bay, a double entrance door, is slightly recessed behind its segmental-arched surround; this shape is also present in the door's transom which sits above a narrow dentil course above the double doors. Doors are in two sections, each having a large, single pane of glass above a smaller enriched panel. The two end doors are similar to each other; they, also, are recessed but within a rectangular surround, topped by a two-part entablature. Their rectangular transoms rest above the doors, which, again similarly, contain a large, single pane of glass above a smaller recessed panel. The eastern window is a large, plate glass, display window, giving evidence of commercial activities; it is topped, like its eastern neighboring door, with a two-part entablature. The other ground floor window repeats the segmental motif of the central door in its nearly flat hood. The window itself is a double-hung sash, two-over-two type and is flanked by narrow, wooden, louvered shutters and is finished by a white wooden sill.

The second floor has three, 2/2 windows to the east; windows are identical to the segmental-arched window on the ground floor from their peeling, wooden sills to their segmental "hoods". The western two bays consist of a three-sided, flat-roofed, oriel window; each of the three exposed sides has a 2/2 window between narrow, wooden, louvered shutters. Below each of the oriel windows, is a narrow enriched panel; the oriel window has a simple cornice. As noted, the roof is shed; it extends about 2' over the main facade in a very simple, modillioned cornice. Six, scroll brackets, spaced alternately with the windows, support the cornice, and have 3 modillions between them; below the modillions, a rounded-edge board decorates the space that is closed on the fourth side by a narrow, wooden, string course which connects the brackets bases. This board has a central rosette and fairly elaborate naturalistic trim, reminiscent of both the Pennsylvania Dutch, and its immediate neighbors. (This is not surprising, considering that the same family built both this building and no. 58 West Main Street, immediately to the east.) It is a good thing that the south front of the building has so many windows (the oriel makes even more sense) when one realizes that the east and west walls are blind; the west wall is a party wall; the east wall is separated from no. 58 by only a narrow 2' alley. A small, flat-capped chimney rises flush with this west wall, about 10' from the south facade.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1883

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of 58½-60 is architectural and commercial (architectural including tints of social coloring as well). The building housed the family of Frank Herr, a leading coach - buggy - phaeton - seller (perhaps builder) in the area. Thus, it is an example of what a successful, late-Victorian, small businessman might build for himself. It is very up-to-date in a conservative manner, with its segmental arches, and its deep cornice. However, we can be more specific than saying "a small businessman", as the decorative elements of the building, especially the sub-eaves plaques, betray the Germanic ancestry of Herr Herr, as clearly as the 5-bay, basic pattern indicates a central Maryland-Pennsylvania origin.

Until February 9, 1903, when Frank K. Herr sold the land to Samuel K. Herr (Carroll County Deed Book 97, Page 380), the history of the land had been identical with the rest of lot no. 5 - see history for number 58 West Main Street. Our house here most likely dates from 1883, soon after the great fire (see form for 62-68 West Main); the 1887 City Directory with "The Misses Herr" as living here. Samuel K. Herr died and the lot was inherited by Emily A. Herr, Elizabeth Herr, and Sallie Herr (Will 10/471); on April 11, 1911, they sold the lot back to Frank K. Herr for \$1500 (117/97). The present owner bought the land on October 4, 1920, from Frank K. Herr, and the deed is recorded in Book 350, Page 263. Thus, the house has only been owned by two families in its slightly more than 100 years of existence.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being the western 33' of lot no. 5 as shown on a plat of the Catholic Chapel Addition to Westminster, recorded among the Land Records of Carroll County in Book 29, Page 446.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Christopher Weeks, Consultant

February, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Westminster Historical Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

c/o City Hall - Public Works Department

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

The rear of 58½-60 (its north facade) reveals its L shape. In the front section, to the east of the rear L, two 2/2 windows appear on each of the two stories, piercing the white clapboard sheathing. The L has a six-panel door on its east front, and a single, 6/6 window in the center of its north front. Double-flighted, wooden steps lead to a second-story balcony and western, six-panel door on the second floor. Also on the second floor, two, 2/2 windows are located to the south of the second floor.

Military Order of the Royal Legion of the United States,
Commandery of the District of Columbia.



Headquarters, City of Washington,
April 4, 1901.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Kendig Herr, U.S. Volunteers,
Westminster, Maryland,

Sir:

I have the honor to announce that at a Stated Meeting of this Commandery, holden 3d instant, you were duly elected an "Original Companion of the First Class" of the Military Order of the Royal Legion of the United States.

Be pleased, therefore, to promptly perfect membership by signing the accompanying "Declaration" of acceptance thereof, and returning it to be filed with the archives of the Commandery.

The Insignia and Diploma to which you are entitled during membership, under and subject to the provisions of Section 7, Article VI, Section 1, Article VIII, and Section 1, Article IX, of the Constitution will be furnished by the Chancellor of the Commandery in due course after received from the Chancellor-in-Chief of the Order.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Recorder.

War Department,
Washington, June 15th, 1865.

Sir:

You are hereby informed that the President of the United States has appointed you for gallant and meritorious services during the War, a Major of Volunteers, by Brevet, in the service of the United States, to rank as such from the thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five. Should the Senate, at their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

Immediately on receipt hereof, please to communicate to this Department, through the ADJUTANT GENERAL of the Army, your acceptance or non-acceptance; and, with your letter of acceptance, return the OATH herewith enclosed, properly filled up, SUBSCRIBED and ATTESTED, and report your AGE, BIRTHPLACE, and the STATE of which you were a permanent RESIDENT.

~~You will report for duty to~~

Brevet Major Samuel R. Herr,
United States Volunteers,

Edwin M. Stanton

Secretary of War.
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53 1/2 - 60 44%

(Crop to area shown)

44-72
10-3

430
CARR ~~424~~, ~~413A~~
58½ - 68½ W. Main St.
Westminster
2/77 (Week
S. Jacinto



CARR 430, 431

58 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. Main St.

Westminster 2/77

N. Jacala

C. Weech



CARR 427, 430, 431

58-68 U. MAIN ST.

WESTMINSTER

C. Weeks 3/77

1893 (C.C. Hist. Soc.)